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FROM: Jeffrey H. Smith
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SUBJECT: Response to Senator Specter's Request Concerning
Information to be Released Under the JFK Act

1. You asked me to obtain information to assist you in responding to the questions from Senator Specter. Senator Specter asked whether there was any information or documents to be released by CIA under the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 (JFK Act):

a. concerning Oswald's connection(s) to foreign powers not previously disclosed; and

b. concerning Oswald's connection(s) to foreign powers that CIA did not give to the Warren Commission.

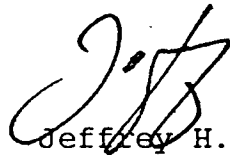
2. My staff has checked with the Historical Review Group (HRG), which is the component of the Center for the Study of Intelligence that is processing the JFK collection under the JFK Act, regarding these two questions. Here is their response.

a. **Response to Question 1:** There is no information to be disclosed that links Oswald to any foreign powers other than those previously released (Cuba, USSR). However, there will be additional details made public about these contacts. For instance, the Russian intelligence officer who met with Oswald in Mexico City has written a book that has information not previously known to CIA. Also, under the progressive declassification standards of the JFK Act, many details on Oswald's activities have been declassified and released (and the JFK Board may release more).

b. **Response to Question 2:** The HRG is unaware that any of this information was not previously shared with the Warren Commission. However, it is possible that there may be some additional details or some specific documents that the Warren Commission did not have. (FYI, The House Select Committee on Assassinations' report indicated that the information CIA had not shared with the Warren Commission related to assassination plots against Castro, not to Oswald's activities.)

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3. In order to identify with precision any new details or documents that may be released as a result of the JFK Act, the HRG would have to review the Warren Commission Report, then compare the specific documents provided to the Warren Commission with the documents in the collection to see if there is any difference. Such a review and comparison would require the HRG to dedicate a couple of reviewers to the task for a significant period of time and inhibits its ability to complete the processing required by the JFK Act.



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